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JOSEPH YAMMIN H/NO PLOT 51 KOTWI TWENEDUASE KUMASI

PLAINTIFF

VS

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- 2. KEN CITY MEDIA LIMITED ACCRA GHANA

DEFENDANTS

### STATEMENT OF CLAIM

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## FORM 1 The Plaintiff's Claim is for:

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**NOTE:** If the plaintiff's claim is for liquidated demand only, further proceedings will be stayed if within the time limited for appearance the defendant pays the amount claimed to the plaintiff, his lawyer or his agent or into court as provided for in Order 2 rule 3(2).

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- 6. The Plaintiff as part of his work and life style travels around the world.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant is a Businessman, and a Politician resident in Accra in the Greater Accra Region of the Republic of Ghana.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant is also the Member of Parliament for Assin Central Constituency in the Central Region of Ghana under the ticket of the New Patriotic Party (NPP), a political party registered under the laws of Ghana.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Defendant is a media house operating NET2 TV on the multi TV digital box and radio operating OMAN FM under 107.1 megahertz in the Greater Accra Metropolis and ASH FM 101.1 megahertz in the Greater Kumasi metropolis.
- The Plaintiff avers that, on or about 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, the 1<sup>st</sup>Defendant published false news about the Plaintiff which were defamatory on the 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant media airwayes OMAN FM 107.1.
- 11. The Plaintiff avers that, on or about 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant falsely accused the Plaintiff of conspiracy to commit series of murder and create instability in the country on the 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant media airwaves in these words 'I've been monitoring them. Every two weeks or three weeks biara no, especially Kumasi, woomo ko meeting. Woomo ko no wo different different places. Yeah! This week yi ara woomo ako.

Enora! Enora!

Daabi! Enora dee na woomo wo Kotwi.

Enora! Woomo koo meeting ɛwo Kotwi. Naa nnipa ɛkoo ho bi, mehuu din no na me were ho, because I respect him a lot. Huudu Yahya, Faisal Ibrahim — woomo se Mangana oo sɛ deɛn, wɛwini pɛn — Charles Amani, Yaw Barima, ɛna Yammin himself. There were other people, woomo bɛyɛ bɛyɛ twenty-five. Naa woomo koo meeting no wo Kotwi. Eyɛ ... Street no yɛfrɛ no Yammin Junction, Last Stop, Kotwi, Yammin fie ɛna woomo koe. Na woomo koe no, woomo asɛm a woomo reka ne sɛ President, deɛn nti me President mfa asɛm wei serious, na National Security should act fast, -

Woomo ay $\varepsilon$  so desperate s $\varepsilon$ , NDCfoo, they will kill to get power. And this time, not even Ghanaians. They want to kill expatriates.

Yes! They will follow expatriates to their houses and kill them to make it seem se Internationally se Ghana yenye stable.

Na Mahama aye ayi to that effect a waka se Ghana nye stable. So, they want to do this to confirm se Ghana enye stable, na woomo acreati state of insecurity.

Nti they will start killing diplomats, expatriates. Nti mesrɛ President, omma National Security mma ne nan mmo ne to na woomo mprotecti expatriates no. Woomo ayɛ w'adwene sɛ woomo de begu y'anim ase.

Kumase nso, deε woomo bεyε ne sɛ, abrofo a εwo ho, εyε Asokwa, Ahodwo, Adeεbεba area no, any foreigner ote ho no, woomo tetε wo ara, woomo de motos, woyε sɛ worewura wo fie pɛ, na woomo arashi wo, na woomo abeku wo. Woomo ku wo a, na woomo ahyε da afa biribi wo ho te sɛ nea εyε robbery.

Me ne wo reka yi, all these guys should be arrested, because I can proof time place everywhere.

Kumasefoo a etie me, ɛyɛ meboa sɛ Yammin ɔte Kotwi, Very evil boy! Na yɛte ha ama Lebanese ɛbeditaati, sɛ ɔyɛ Indian oo sɛ Lebanese oo ... Ono na editaati the destiny of Ghanaians and Ashantes especially.

Yeah! Indian or Lebanese, dictating the destiny of Ghanaians and Ashantes. Who born dog?

Who born dog?

I have told Security Agencies about this before, meeting baako a woomo koe. I am not goint to say anything again. I will always blow the horn. Because saa Securityfoo no woomo kye dodo,

woomo ne woomo investigation, woomo kyε.

That is what they're going to do. Sε woomo bekunkumkumkum nkorofoo acreti insecurity, εde agu NPP anim ase. Nti woyε broni oo, woyε hwan na wote Ahodwo, Adeεbεba ne Asokwa area...'

To wit,

'I have been monitoring them. Every two weeks or three weeks, especially Kumasi, they go for meeting. They go at different different places Yesterday, yesterday.....Yesterday, No. Yesterday, they were at Kotwi Yesterday, yesterday they went to a meeting at Kotwi. They people who

attended the meeting, when I saw their names, I felt sad because I respect him a lot, Hudu Yahaya, Faizal Ibrahim, they say Man Ghana or so, he's won before, Charles Amani, Yaw Barimah, and Yamin himself. There were other people who are about 25.

And they attended the meeting at Kotwi on a street called Yamin Junction, Last Stop Kotwi. Yamin's house was where they went.

When they went, the issue they raised is that, President. The reason I said the President should take this matter serious and for National Security to act fast ..... They have become so desperate that NDC people will kill to get power and this time, not even Ghanaians, they

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Yes. They will follow expatriates to their houses and kill them, to make it seem that internationally that Ghana is not stable. And Mahama has done this to that effect that he said that Ghana is not stable. So they want to do this to confirm that Ghana is not stable.

Right. So they will start killing Diplomats, expatriates, so I will beg the president, he should put National Security on the alert and protect expatriates.

They have decided to use this to disgrace us. Kumasi too, what they will do is that, the foreigners who are there, who are at Asokwa, Ahodwo, Adiebeba areas, any foreigner living there, when they mount surveillance on you using a motor, as soon as you are about entering your house, then they rush on you and kill you.

Once they kill you, they will intentionally take some items from there to make it look like robbery.

As I am talking to you, all these guys should be arrested. Because I can prove time, place, everywhere.

Kumasi people listening to me, am I lying that Yamin lives at Kotwi? Very evil boy. We are staying here for a Lebanese to come dictate. If he is an Indian or a Lebanese, he is dictating the destiny of Ghanaians and Ashantis especially. Yeah, Indian or Lebanese dictating the destiny of Ghanaians and Ashantis.

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I have told security agencies about this before on an earlier meeting they attended, I am not going to say anything again I will always blow the cover because those security people, they delay too much.

They and their investigations they delay. That is what they are going to do, that they will kill people and create insecurity to disgrace the NPP. So if you are a white, or whoever, and you live in Ahodwo, Adea Beba and Asokwa area.'

12. The Plaintiff further avers that, on the same 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant media airwaves that is NET2 TV, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant made further defamatory statements against him in these words 'Wo kuraseni, ɔwɔ Prempeh College na ɔdi sɔpi, ɔfom aduane. Sɛ wohwɛ n'afono no a, aduane. Woahu sɛ ɔbɛyɛɛ Deputy Regional Minister, sɛ ofiri sɛ kɛseɛ na ma no... Woahu, asɛ odwan a yɛasa no. Wei, akoa wei, ɔno te hɔ edi nsɛnhunu. Nsɛm a ɔkae ɛnyɛ asɛm ketewa. Wo, wowɔ Prempeh College ɛdeɛn na na woyɛ? Wodi sɔpi. ⊃fom aduane. Saa na ɔde benyinieɛ nyinaa nso ɔɔfom nneɛma. Afei wo deɛn? We are monitoring you 24/7. You can go to hell. We'll monitor ... Sɛ wose woyɛ tough? Afei na woredwane?'

A villager; when he was at Prempeh College, he eats "sorpi" food, when you see his chicks, food. Have you seen that when he became a Deputy Regional Minister he felt being fat .... like a castrated ram. This guy? He is sitting there and misbehaving. The things he said are just anything. When you were at Prempeh College, what were you doing? You were eating "sorpi". He rushes on food. That's how he grew up and still rushes on things. Now you said what? We are monitoring you 24/7. You can go to hell, we will monitor. You said you are tough, now you are running.'

- 13. The Plaintiff states that, the 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant allowed their media house to be used to propagate such falsehood about the Plaintiff.
- 14. The plaintiff avers that, the statements authored by the 1<sup>st</sup> defendant on the aforementioned airwaves are false and mendaciously authored to tarnish the

- image of the plaintiff among the ordinary members of the Ghanaian society the expatriate society in Ghana and the Diplomats in general.
- 15. The Plaintiff states that, after the 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant allowed the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant to published the said falsehood against him, the management of the 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant refused to take steps to either asked the 1<sup>st</sup> Defendant to retract the said false publication about him or to produce evidence to affirm the said allegation, and by that failure the 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant assisted and supported the said defamatory statement against the Plaintiff by using their media airwaves to propagate the said falsehood about the plaintiff.
- 16. The Plaintiff contends that, the said stories published by the defendants are vexatious, total fabrication and have exposed the Plaintiff to hatred, ridicule and contempt.
- 17. The Plaintiff avers that, as a farmer, he does supply chicken products to various organisations but as a result of the aforementioned publication, these clients have refused to have anything to do with him and that has caused him financial distress.
- 18. The Plaintiff further contends that the said false publication has caused a lot of public disaffection for him and his family.
- 19. The Plaintiff states that, immediately after, the said Publication on the 2<sup>nd</sup> defendant media airwaves, an unknown expatriate met him and threaten to kill him and his entire family if any expatriate dies of murder in Kumasi or anywhere.
- 20. The Plaintiff avers that the acts of the defendants have not only lowered him in the esteem of his fellows and seriously injured his hard won reputation, but it has also exposed the plaintiff to public hatred and contempt to the extent that, his life and that of his family is in danger.
- 21. The Plaintiff further contends that the said publication has caused him serious emotional stress.

- 22. WHEREFORE, the plaintiff claims against the defendants jointly and severally as endorsed on the writ of summons.
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